Spring 2018 Campus Climate Survey
Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking

The New School’s Campus Climate Survey of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking was administered during the spring of 2018 semester. 1,805 students responded (14% response rate). The following is a summary of the results of the survey:

1. 95% of respondents agreed/strongly agreed that they feel safe at The New School.
2. 67% of respondents agreed/strongly agreed that if someone were to report an incidence of sexual violence the school would take the report seriously.
3. 46% of respondents understood how to report an incident of sexual violence at The New School.
4. 65% of respondents understood The New School’s procedure for investigating an incident of sexual violence.
5. 55% of respondents said they received sexual prevention information or training.
6. 58% of the students who responded knew what confidential resources are available to report an incident of sexual violence.
7. 63% said if a friend or themselves experienced sexual violence, they would know where to go to get help.
8. 68% of the students who responded said that they are confident the school would administer the formal procedures to fairly address reports of sexual violence.
9. 91% of the students surveyed responded that they had not experienced any victimization of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking while at The New School.
10. 9% of respondents experienced at least one incident of sexual misconduct at least one time since the beginning of the school year.
    - 48% reported that the unwanted behavior was perpetrated by someone the respondent had no prior relationship with.
    - Nearly one third of respondents reported that the unwanted behavior was perpetrated by an acquaintance or peer.
    - The three most common locations reported of unwanted sexual contact:
      - 41% in an off-campus residence
      - 20% a bar or night club
      - 19% in an on-campus residence
11. 69% of students responded that they did not use the school’s formal procedures to report the incident(s) and instead told a roommate, friend, or classmate about the incident(s).
    Respondents most commonly chose not to report or tell someone because they did not think it was serious enough to report.
12. When it came to thoughts and concerns students had about reporting:
    - 63% of students didn’t think it was serious enough to report
    - 54% wanted to forget it happened
    - 34% wasn’t clear the offender intended to harm
13. 11% of respondents observed a situation that they believe was, or could have led to, a sexual assault.
    The most common bystander behavior from respondents was asking the person who appeared to be at risk if they needed help.
14. 24% of respondents experienced some form of stalking or harassment while at The New School.
    The most common form of harassment was receiving unwanted phone calls or messages and students most often told a roommate, friend, or classmate.
15. 77% of the responding students understood the definition of Affirmative Consent.

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